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 For: INTEGRATED DIGITAL CALIBRATION
 CIRCUIT AND DIGITAL TO ANALOG
 CONVERTER (DAC)
 Docket No: AD-332J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the subject application.

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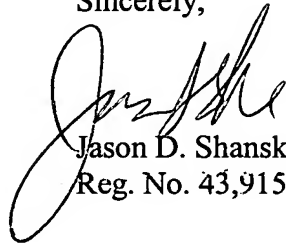
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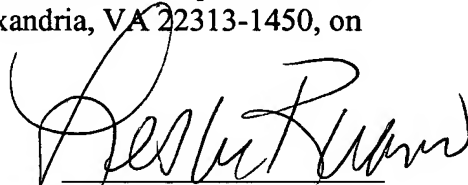
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment prior to the examination of the subject patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3, *infra*.